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Subject: Upton Tour Recap McCarthy

Doug,

Below is the edited write-up. Thank you!

Allied Paper Superfund Site:

On May 27, 2014, EPA Region 5 and MDEQ officials gave Rep. Upton, staff from Sens. Stabenow and Levin, and city officials a tour of the Allied Paper Landfill Superfund Site in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Rep. Upton also invited press to attend and there were several media outlets present. A small group of protestors stood outside the site boundaries holding signs urging for complete removal of all PCB-contaminated materials.

The tour began with a short discussion of the cleanup alternatives evaluated in the feasibility study. During the tour, specific risks posed by Allied Landfill and the potential for property reuse after remediation were discussed. Rep. Upton asked several clarifying questions on the specific risks posed by the landfill and its different existing components, specifically the sheet pile wall. He also seemed interested in the fact that with a new landfill cover, the groundwater extraction system would be turned off. Rep. Upton continued to urge EPA to work with the City on both redevelopment for the site and alternative cleanup technologies that could potentially treat the PCBs in the landfill to make them less toxic. Rep. Upton did not mention his previous position that all the materials in the landfill should be shipped off-site.

Since April 14, 2014 EPA has been regularly meeting with representatives of MDEQ and Kalamazoo in efforts to jointly develop configurations of a consolidation and capping cleanup that would allow for productive reuse of and full access to the property. Rep. Upton was interested in seeing existing conditions, and hearing more about the potential configurations of a consolidation and capping remedy. Rep. Upton did not discuss the potential costs of any of the cleanup options in the feasibility study.

EPA received a May 13, 2014 letter from Rep. Upton and Sens. Levin and Stabenow which reiterated the importance of redevelopment at the Site. Additionally, the letter also highlighted again that the Congressional delegation would like EPA to continue to explore alternative cleanup technologies. Based on feedback from the City and the Congressional delegation, EPA is not planning to release a Proposed Plan for the Site until the late fall of this year.